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SUBJECT: BERTRAM TURETZKY, VIRTUOSO CONTRABASSIST

FOR: USIA-IBS/POLISH SERVICE, IEE;

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1. BERTRAM TURETZKY, VIRTUOSO AMERICAN CONTRABASSIST CAPTIVATED POLISH AUDIENCES IN KATOWICE AND WARSAW WITH HIS AVANT-GARDE REPERTOIRE AND PERFORMER-AUDIENCE RAPPORT. TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE, NANCY, ON THE FLUTE, TURETZKY PERFORMED WORKS OF IMPORTANT MODERN AMERICAN COMPOSERS SUCH AS RICHARD FELCIANO, DONALD ERB, PHIL WINDSOR, EUGENE KURTZ AND KENNETH GABURO.

2. IN KATOWICE, ON MARCH 23RD, TURETZKY GAVE TWO LECTURES AT THE HIGHER SCHOOL OF MUSIC, AS WELL AS HOLDING AN EVENING CONCERT FOR OVER TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE. CONTRABASS MUSIC STUDENTS AT THE HIGHER SCHOOL OF MUSIC IN WARSAW HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF HEARING TWO LECTURES BY THE LIVELY AND MUSTACHIOED MUSICIAN. LATERNCHAT EVENING OF THE 25TH, AT THE HIGHER SCHOOL OF MUSIC, A SMALL CROWD OF 100 PEOPLE ATTENDED TURETZKY'S CONCERT IN THE MAIN AUDITORIUM.

3. NANCY AND BERT TURETZKY ALSO RECORDED PROGRAMS

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4. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WARSAW CONCERT WERE EUGENE KURTZ'S "THE LAST CONTRABASS IN LAS VEGAS" AND KENNETH GABURO'S "INSIDE". "THE LAST CONTRABASS" IS A LOVE POEM (READ BY NANCY) DEDICATED TO THE CONTRABASS HER HUSBAND PLAYS IN THE BACKGROUND. TURETZKY'S CONTRABASS RESPONDED MUSICALLY TO THE MYRIAD OF EMOTIONS CONTAINED IN THE POEM. WITH A DOUBLE-TRACK TAPE RECORDING OF "INSIDE" EMANATING FROM STEREO SPEAKERS, TURETZKY PLAYED THE "LIVE" PORTION OF THE SAME PIECE ON STAGE. THIS PIECE WAS NOT LIMITED TO STANDARD INSTRUMENTAL NOTATION- IT INCLUDED VARIATIONS OF SOUNDS EMITTED BY TURETZKY IN PRO- NOUNCING THE VARIOUS LETTERS WHICH MAKE UP THE WORD "INSIDE".

IT WAS QUITE A TRIP.

5. KVR RPO: POST IS SENDING PIX OF TURETZKY'S WARSAW CONCERT AT THE HIGHER SCHOOL OF MUSIC (PWSM) ON MARCH 25, 1974, FOR AMERIKA INSERT.
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